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Applicants : Xin Qu & Judah Z. Weinberger  
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For : MODIFICATION OF POLYMER SURFACES AS  
RADIOISOTOPE CARRIERS

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COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO JULY 14, 2005 OFFICE ACTION

This Communication is submitted in response to the Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 14, 2005 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Office Action is due on August 14, 2005. Because August 14, 2005 fell on a Sunday, a response is timely filed if filed on the next business day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, which in this case is Monday August 15, 2005. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed.

In the July 14, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following allegedly independent and distinct inventions characterized by the following Groups I - II:

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I. Claims 1-30, drawn to a method of making a radioactive source, classified in class 427, subclass 5; and


II. Claims 31-34, drawn to a radioactive source, classified in class 600, subclass 3.

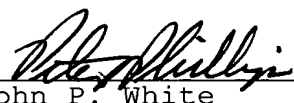
In response to the Office Action, applicants elect the invention of Group I, i.e., claims 31-34.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Communication. However, if any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

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